Pradesh and West Bengal have singed the tripartite agreement. The following States have given their consent 'in-principle' to sign the agreement:

(1) Chhattisgarh	(2) Haryana
(3) Jammu and Kashmir	(4) Kerala
(5) Karnataka	(6) Madhya Pradesh
(7) Maharashtra	(8) Punjab

Techno-economic clearance to Naphtha based liquid fuel power project at Hassan in Karnataka

2591. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Techno-Economic clearance by CEA for Naphtha based liquid fuel power project, Hassan (Karnataka) cleared, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Hassan Power Project is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. The Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to the 189 MW Hassan Power Project of M£. Hassan Power Supply Co. Ltd has not been issued due to non-availability of inter-state clearance of water availability from the Central Water Commission and also reduction in the completed capital cost of the project. The Central Ground Water Authority has since given clearance to the project on 14.2.2002 for tapping of 1.5 mgd ground water. CEA have taken up the matter with the Government of Karnataka for submission of the clarification/details on the following:—

(i) Acceptability of Naphtha as fuel for the project. The new IPP (Independent Power Producer) policy issued by the Government of Karnataka does not encourage Naphtha based projects.

(ii) Changes in the scheme along with change in the cost estimates on account of changes in source of water from Cauvery river to ground water.

(c) CEA will process the scheme for TEC after the above issues are sorted out. Commissioning of the Hassan Power Project depends upon the tying up of all the pending inputs/clearances and achieving closure. N

New power projects sanctioned for Rajasthan

2592. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many new power projects have been sanctioned for Rajasthan;

(b) whether any power project is pending for approval;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Six new power projects (both in private and public sector) have been accorded Techno-economic approval by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in the State of Rajasthan. The details of these projects are given below:

SI. No.	Name of the Project		Capacity (MW)
1. 2.	Dholpur CCGT Barsingsar Lignite	CCPP	702.7 2 x 250
3. 4.	TPP Anta CCGT St. II Mathania		650 140
5. 6.	Integrated Solar Ramgarh CCGT St. II		75.325 250
	Suratgarh TPP St. Ill		

(b) to (d) As on date, only one project *viz.* Kota TPS Stage IV